

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2012-167-C

Docket Summary: Application of Global Connection, Inc. of America d/b/a Stand Up Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Global Connection Inc. of America d/b/a STAND UP WIRELESS ("Stand Up Wireless" or the "Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, and 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.101 through 54.207 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), and the rules and regulations of the Commission. Stand Up Wireless seeks ETC designation to provide Lifeline service to qualifying South Carolina customers; it will not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") for the purpose of participating in the Link-Up program or providing service to high cost areas. According to the Application, Stand Up Wireless meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements for designation as an ETC in the State of South Carolina, including the new requirements outlined in the FCC's *USF/ICC Transformation Order and Lifeline and Link Up Reform Order*. The Company opines that the approval of Stand Up Wireless' application would advance the public interest because it would enable the Company to commence much needed Lifeline service to low-income South Carolina residents.

A copy of the Company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2012-167-C. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Scott Elliott, Esquire, Elliott & Elliott, P.A., 1508 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Thursday, August 09, 2012, at 10:30 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **May 25, 2012**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2012-167-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company's representative at the above address, on or before **May 25, 2012**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. *Please refer to Docket No. 2012-167-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Commission, in writing, at the address below on or before **May 25, 2012**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2012-167-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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